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February – April 1991 – 7700 MT

October – December, 1991 – 2614 MT

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November – December, 1991 – 2126 MT

12400 MT

Ganja Cultivation

817. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ganja cultivation is permitted in a limited way for medicinal use;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places where such cultivation is prevalent;

(d) whether the Government are aware that illegal Ganja cultivation is on increase in interior forests of the country; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Cultivation of cannabis plant, from which Ganja is obtained, can be permitted for medical or scientific purposes under the N.D.P.S. Act, 1985. The power in this regard vests with the State Governments.

(d) and (e). The illicit cultivation of cannabis plant is generally carried out in interior forests of the country. The following is the information about destruction of illicit cultivation of cannabis plants by Central and State

enforcement agencies carried out during the last five years in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Area destroyed (In acres)</i>
1987	461
1988	1439
1989	3139
1990	1907
1991	1013

Enforcement agencies concerned maintain vigil in the matter and wherever illicit cultivation is noticed, it is destroyed.

Export of Sugar

818. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been exporting sugar to various countries; and

(b) if so, the names thereof, the quantum of sugar exported during each of the last